NATURAL NEWS

The Field Museum
Exploring
The Earth And Its
People

July 14, 1995

EXHIBITS

Two new photo exhibits are here for the summer. **The Sagebrush Ocean** presents the work of naturalist Stephen Trimbell and has opened in the South Gallery. It will close on Monday, October 2.

Always Getting Ready: Yup`ik Eskimo Subsistence in Southwestern Alaska is the work of James Barker. It will open on Saturday, July 22, and run through Sunday, November 12 in the Webber Gallery. Books for both exhibits will be sold in the museum store.

Visitors are buying tickets to **Masters of the Night** in record numbers. Nearly half of the people who visit the museum purchase a ticket to the exhibit. Feedback from the bulletin board has been wonderful, with many visitor comments such as "Waaaaaay cooool" and "Bats Rule!," and observations about their experience in the exhibit. Here are a few:

> "I had a wonderful time at the Field Museum. I found the exhibit very informative and interesting. Visitor Services helped me find my way around and I found that very helpful. Keep up the good work!"

> "I LOVED the exhibit! However, I have to admit that my favorite part was the "BATSTORE" at the end. I found the salespeople's knowledge about all of the bat merchandise very comforting and helpful. JOB WELL DONE!!"

Thanks to all of our floor staff -- paid and volunteer. You're doing a wonderful job.

Carrie Hageman

REINSTALLATION UPDATE

Two more cases of artifacts, removed in 1992 for the lightwell construction, have been returned to display. Case 36 (Household Equipment) in Indians of the Woodlands and Prairies are now back on display. Next up: "Contact with Europeans" and -- at long last -- the Caitlin paintings. Continuing thanks to **Pam Gaible, Chris Gross, Cap Sease,** and all the folks in Exhibits and Anthropology who are making this effort possible.

EDUCATION

Mary Ann Bloom, Education Department, attended the annual Pawnee Homecoming Pow Wow in Oklahoma, June 29 - July 2. Friendship with the Pawnee was renewed during days of dance, feasts, and conversations late into the night. Mary Ann also visited the building which will house a Pawnee Museum, and went to the site where a traditional Pawnee Earth Lodge is being constructed.

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EDUCATION continued

Mary Ann also coordinated the June 19-23 Field Museum visit of Garry Nichols, Executive Officer for the Maori Arts Programs of the Arts Council of New Zealand. Garry was visiting Chicago as a participant in the Chicago Artists International Program, Arts Management and Exchange Residency. He met with several Field Museum staff regarding museum outreach. The Maori House volunteers hosted a dinner in honor of Garry, followed by his slide presentation.

DEADLINE: *IN THE FIELD*

Because of other deadlines and vacation schedules, all copy for the September/October issue of *In the Field* must be submitted no later than July 31. If this appears to be a problem, please advise Ron Dorfman (x465) immediately.

CENTER FOR EVOLUTIONARY AND ENVIRONMENTAL BIOLOGY

BIOCHEMISTRY LABORATORIES USERS MEETING

John Hall (CEEB/Biochemistry) and **Bill Ballard** (Zoology, Insects) have scheduled a meeting for all current and prospective users of the Biochemistry Laboratories for Wednesday, July 19, from noon to 2:00 p.m. in the Zoology Classroom. The purpose of this meeting is to orient users to the facilities and to discuss usage and other issues. Please attend if you use or plan to use the Biochemistry Laboratories in the future.

POP QUIZ

Q) What do the following departments have in common:

Anthropology, Exhibits, Engineering, Geology, Housekeeping, Mailroom, McDonalds, Security, Zoology?

A) They all have at least one person playing SOFTBALL! How about you? Come join your colleagues and co-workers in the ancient ritual of running around, yelling, and letting off steam. The schedule for the rest of the year:

Tues	Jul 18	Art Institute/Grant Park
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Tues	Aug 1	Academy of Sci./Lincoln Park
Mon	Aug 7	Adler Planetarium/Grant Park
Tues	Aug 15	Art Institute/Grant Park
Tues	Aug 22	ICON/Grant Park

Grant Park games are held across the drive by the statue of Columbus. Practice begins at 4:45 p.m., game time is 5:30 p.m.

Lincoln Park games are held behind the Historical Society, at North and State. Practice begins at 5:00 p.m., game at 5:45 p.m.

No previous talent or experience necessary. Come on out and join the fun! We'll save a spot in the line-up for you...

(Watch this space for announcements concerning the annual grudge match, coming in early September.)

ENERGY UPDATE

In 1979, Facility Planning and Operations implemented a planned energy management and utilization program to control energy waste and reduce the Museum's utility costs. Over one hundred energy-related projects were implemented -- from simple projects, such as turning off lights when leaving offices, to major projects, like our thermo-pane window installation on the first, second, third and fourth floors.

The following chart shows our usage and costs over the last fifteen years. As you can see, following a sharp decrease in 1981-1985, our total K.W.H. usage has again increased substantially. This is due to a combination of factors, including increased exhibit hall lighting levels, but primarily the success of Special Events. The Museum is reimbursed the costs for the additional energy usage from Special Events, although this reimbursement is not reflected in the chart below.

We have also negotiated a new contract with Commonwealth Edison, which will continue to reduce our costs for five years. Our total energy dollar savings has exceeded $7 million for this fifteen-year period. *Our pride really rests in the tens of thousands of tons of CO2 which we kept from the environment by our efforts.*

Norm Radtke, Facilities Planning & Operations

Congratulations *on a job well done! To Norm, the FP&O staff, and all staff who participate in this important conservation activity in their day-to-day work. Those little gestures, like flicking off the lights when you leave at the end of the day, really do add up.*

	ELECTRICITY [second half of December 1994 estimated]		GAS		TOTAL UTILITY
YEAR	KWH	COST	THERMS	COST	COST
1980	12,162,520	$565,205	1,000,456	$349,818	$915,023
1981	8,087,400	$489,093	650,265	$268,587	$757,681
1982	7,485,560	$539,006	547,073	$256,373	$795,379
1983	7,577,940	$542,235	473,000	$232,990	$775,225
1984	7,018,785	$562,863	527,794	$253,693	$816,556
1985	6,775,425	$551,496	505,273	$246,667	$798,163
1986	7,318,410	$632,480	478,091	$205,890	$838,369
1987	8,008,960	$670,967	449,498	$167,284	$838,251
1988	8,633,751	$652,192	489,172	$168,395	$820,587
1989	8,707,204	$678,407	448,113	$167,623	$846,030
1990	8,872,041	$657,850	392,629	$148,327	$806,177
1991	9,260,621	$749,567	371,446	$132,282	$881,849
1992	8,727,600	$734,864	373,562	$123,657	$858,521
1993	9,241,105	$770,817	406,484	$134,763	$905,580
1994	10,369,665	$689,189	427,980	$133,632	$822,821

FIELD MUSEUM FAN MAIL

This is to thank the people of the Museum for adding so much enjoyment to my recent trip to Chicago. On Friday, June 16, I entered the Museum for the first time and was having quite an enjoyable walk through. Since I am a librarian here in Oklahoma I was interested in the Indian Resource Center. I wandered in and was met by two really wonderful volunteers, **Jack [Burgeman] & Rosemary [Kalin]** -- they were so helpful and enthusiastic that I felt I should drop you a note of appreciation. Jack called to see if I could go up to the library where **Julie** showed me around even though she was quite busy. I returned to the Resource Center and watched a film on totem pole carving and then was escorted to the totem poles in the Museum -- which I had missed! We will certainly not return to Chicago without putting the Field Museum on our agenda.

Sincerely,
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We extend our deepest sympathies to the family and friends of **Calvin Randall** who passed away on Saturday, July 8, 1995. Calvin was a respected member of the Security Services team where he had worked for 4 ½ years. His main duty was to oversee the operations of the Security Console Room on the afternoon shift. Calvin will be remembered most for all of the many thoughtful things he did for staff and visitors and he will be missed.

Expressions of sympathy can be forwarded to his family in care of Jennifer Noe, Benefits.

Reminder -- Mark your calendars --

The Nuveen Forum: *AFRICA'S MEANING FOR ALL AMERICANS*

Tuesday, July 25, 1995, 5:30 - 8:30 p.m.

Africa's heritage is part of all human culture. How is American culture influenced by our past and present relationships with African peoples? Starting with materials from the Museum's "Africa" exhibit, this conversation will explore connections between cultures. The panel includes: Hayelom Ayele, City of Chicago Commission on Human Relations; Reverend Michael Pfleger, The Community of Saint Sabina; S.O.Y. Kcita, Howard University; Esther Lopez, Chicago Metro History Education Program and Gerald Roper, Chicagoland Chamber of Commerce; **Chapurukha Kusimba, Chuimei Ho** and **Deborah Mack**, The Field Museum.

REMINDER: The deadline for the *Natural News* is Tuesday at noon. Please submit articles to **Carolyn Klyce** in the President's Office. Material received after that time will be held for publication the following week. Printed on recycled paper.